THIS TIME THE BRIGGS-KNEELAND ARM WAS EXAMINED.

IT DID NOT UNDERGO ALL THE TRIALS, WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED TO-DAY-NOT CON-SIDERED SO BATISFACTORY AS

THE SAVAGE GUN. The second rifle tested by the State Board of Examiners yesterday was the Briggs-Warren C. Briggs lives at No. 108 West One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st., New-York, and S. F. Kneeland at No. 110 Berkeley place, this city. The weapon was not a success as compared with that of the Savage Arms Company tried on Monday. Commissioners Eliph-W. Bliss and Robert A. Thurston, with secretary Abell, were at the 13th Regiment Armory promptly on the stroke of 11 o'clock, ners' expert was William Knapp, who built the gun at Washington, D. C. He took first turn at firing fifteen shots from the rifle as a single loader. Several of the cartridges, which were made by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, at first did not explode. Commissioner Thurston recommended that they be tried again and they went off, an indication, it was said, that the spring was too weak. This was remedied and the score was finished. Private William T. Crane, the Board's expert, then fired fifteen shots under the same conditions. A couple of times the rifle refused to act, and it was taken to the armorer's room to be fixed. The score at the end of the rounds was:

Knapp 4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 2, 4, 3, 3, 5, 3, 5, 0-52 Crane 3, 0, 4, 3, 5, 2, 5, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 3, 5, 5-57

The magazine test came next, fifteen shots to be fired from the magazine. The Briggs-Kneeland rifle is loaded with five cartridges placed in a metal frame, which is slipped down through the frame behind the slot that takes the cartridge when the gun is used as a single loader, In the magzine test for fifteen shots, Knapp scored 59 and Crane 53. With the exception that some cartridges refused to explode, the gun be-

Next came the jamming tests. In this Commissioner Biss demonstrated that the knowledge he obtained of arms while manufacturing them in the war and carrying them immediately after the first call to the field was not forgotten. Without much difficulty he jammed the cartridge so that the gun could not be used, and made the expert do the same. He drew from the latter the fact that a man should be trained so that he would not mistake in his excitement the single loading slot from that intended for the magazine, or the operator was likely to jam the gun. In fact the operator did iam the cartridge so badly that he could not extract it from the magazine slot with his fingers. In this connection it may be stated that Mr. Bliss jammed both the Lee rifle and the Krag-Jorgensen, although he failed with the Savage arm.

The cartridge used was the Lee navy, which has a diameter of 23.006, while the Army rife has a calibre of 30.003. The pressure on the former is said to be something like 60,000 pounds to the square inch; on the latter, between 35,000 and 40,000 pounds. Be that as it may, the rifle tried yesterday had a much more vicious bang and a far harder recoil than the

Next came the endurance tests. Each round of fifty shots was fired in the following time, in minutes and seconds, with ten-minute intervals for cooling: 4:00, 4:00, 4:00, 3:20, 3:10, 3:18,

The weapon stood the firing of these 400 shots well. The defective cartridge test came next. It was far from satisfactory, and was finally rejected by the Commission, and must be tried again. The idea is to thin down the primer so that the needle shall penetrate it and allow the gases to escape and so damage the mechanism or have a chance to injure the operator. They were fired with a lanyard. In neither case did the primer burst, and the Commissioners held that the requirement had not been fulfilled, and that a new test would be necessary.

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The testing with excessive cartridges came next. The shots were fired with a lanyard, the shells, carrying forty grains of rifielte powder instead of the regulation charge of thirty-six grains. They went off with a terrific bang. The first one was difficult of extraction, indiating expansion of some of the parts, but the gan was apparently uninjured.

The arm was then taken apart and reassembled without trouble. The sand-blast test was the next one to have been tried, but it was found that the owners had not brought enough

reund that the owners had been said he did not propose to make any half-tests or give any tompetitor a chance to say that one had a betcompetitor a chance to say that one had a betier trial than another, or to have a gun covered with sand all night, which would not be
fair either to the Commission or to the owner.
Consequently the sand test was adjourned until
II o'clock this morning, when the Briggs-Kneeland gun will be finished and the Burton gun
taken up.

Private William T. Crane, the Board's expert, has served nearly five years in Company A. Ith Regiment. He is the holder of the regimental Alder silver medal, of the Dolan gold medal and of the diamond medal presented by Captain French, Inspector of Rifle Practice. He made the drawings for the sandbox for the codurance tests, which were approved by the War Department at Washington, and, with Peter Kerr, had it constructed. The Commission has seen that the labor was too much for the man, and Corporal Thomas Campbell Patients, of Company G, was appointed yester-tay to assist him in the remaining trials, and at Creedmoor. Private William T. Crane, the Board's expert,

At Creedmoor.

At Yesterday's trials, besides the members the Savage Arms Repeating Company mentand yesterday, there were present Thomas E.

Alfa of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company and Charles Daly, of Hartley & Graham, and Yes-York. The Winchester rifle, about what there is much curiosity, will be tried as Thursday.

HE WAS LEFT THERE TO DIE.

A SICK MAN PLACED IN FRONT OF A HOS-PITAL BY A WOMAN, WHO THEN DROVE AWAY.

The police of the Stag-st. station have a mystery on their hands. Late yesterday afternoon a middle-aged German woman drove hurriedly up in front of St. Catherine's Hospital, at Bushwick-ave. and Maujer-st., and assisted a half-unconscious man from the warm and wagon and set him on the curb of the gutter. She then drove rapidly away. The vehicle was pedler's wagon. Herman Kehlbach, of No. 199 Floyd-st., and Depew Markle, of No. 1,236 Hancockit, who had seen the woman driving rapidly through Maujer-st. a few minutes before, hurried to the man. When they reached him he had fallen backward to the sidewalk. Kehlbach rushed into the hospital and summoned Dr. Linden. When the latter reached the side of the man he was dead. The be was then removed to the Stagg-st, station and cannation was made. No marks of violence wald be found, and there was nothing by which he

Kealbach and Markie told the police that after the woman left the man on the sidewalk she drove h Bushwick-ave., to Grand-st., and went Newtown. The police started after the but all trace of it was lost.

dead man is about forty-five years old, of alld, five feet eight inches in height, brown th complexion, clean shaven. He was in gray trousers, blue waistcoat with Grand buttons, lawn tennis shirt, soft brown hat

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Police have several theories to advance. One the man had been taken to the hospital by woman, believing that he was going to die, and he wanted to get rid of the body, to save a creament her ou the road and asked for a ride to olyn, and, being taken seriously ill in the was anxious to get him from the vehicle se died.

son has ordered an autopsy to be made sertain the cause of death.

### DEATH OF A. R. THOMPSON.

Roosevelt Thompson, one of the members advertising firm of Jay Walter Thompson & I. Na. Il Park Row, died suddenly at his office o'clock on Monday afternoon. For twenty he had been a member of Plymouth Church. as one of the most sympathetic of men. He kindly to those in trouble, and, however he think of the causes that led to the trouble, he always ready to lend a helping hand. Two or weeks ago he was not feeling well, but he accovered apparently. With some friends he sovered apparently. With some friends he sut ie dinner, and soon after his return he sward and into the arms of one of his clerks, and soon after. He was a widower, and left and a daughter. The funeral will be held into at the home of his brother, Dr. M. L.

THE SECOND RIFLE TESTED. TO HAVE ONE CONFERENCE.

NEW-YORK AND BROOKLYN CONGREGA-TIONAL CHURCHES TO BE UNITED.

REPORT OF DR. ABSOTT RECOMMENDING THE UNION OF THE TWO BODIES TO BE KNOWN AS THE MANHATTAN - BROOKLYN CONFERENCE-AN OLD QUAR-

REL RECALLED.

The spring meeting of the New-York and Brooklyn Association of Congregationa! Churches was held in the Park Church, Seventh-st, and Sixth-ave., yesterday afternoon and last evening. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. D. Butler Pratt. After rollcall and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the committee went into session for the purpose of examining candidates for licenses to preach. Professor W. C. Webster, a fellow of Chicago University, and late professor of history in Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, was the first candidate. In response to questions by the members of the Examining Committee, he said that he had made no special study of theology; that he did not believe in either the atoning death of Christ or the doctrine of eternal punishment. He believed that the Scriptures were inspired as the great thinkers of to-day were inspired.

Dr. Douglass, a Presbyterian clergyman, of New-York, here arose to ask some pointed questions and was called to order by Dr. Whiten, who said that as the candidate was to be licensed by a Congregational body, he failed to see the propriety of a Presbyterian clergyman asking questions. The moderator held that as Dr Douglass was a member of the association, he might ask questions in that capacity, but not as a clergyman. The examination was then suspended till the close of the afternoon session. when the committee went into executive session and voted to license the candidates for one year.

The Rev. C. T. Weitzel, assistant pastor of Plymouth Church, and the Rev. Dr. J. H. Ecob, were then elected to membership in the body. The most important matter of the session then came up for action-the proposed union of the Manhattan Conference and the Association. These bodies were once united, and separated not long after the troubles in Plymouth Church at the time of the Beecher-Tilton trial. The primary cause of the separation or split was the refusal of Plymouth Church to discipline Mr. Tilton. That society saw fit to drop his name from its roll without the formality of a trial. To this action the churches of Dr. Storrs and Dr. Buddington took exception, and finally passed a resolution that they would decline to attend all councils to which Plymouth Church was invited. The breach thus made had existed despite all efforts to heal it, until the meeting vesterday afternoon.

REPORT OF DR. ABBOTT.

The scribe of the meeting, the Rev. Horace Porter, first read the report of Dr. Lyman Abbott, chairman of the Conference Committee of the Association. The report was as follows:

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The committee appointed on June 3, 1895, to confer with a similar committee of the Manhattan Conference, if appointed, for the purpose of securing a union of the two bodies in one conference, submit the following report:

Such a committee of conference was appointed by the Manhattan Conference, the two committees met together, and have agreed to recommend a union of the two bodies on the following basis:

First—The adoption of the constitution and standing rules of the Manhattan Conference.

Second—The name of said body to be the Manhattan-Brooklyn Conference.

Your committee recommend the ratification of this agreement by the adoption of the following resolutions. Similar resolutions will be recommended by the committee of the Manhattan Conference for adoption by that conference at its next meeting:

Whereas The result of the conference of the

mended by the committee of the Manhaitan Conference for adoption by that conference at its next meeting:

Whereas, The result of the conference of the joint committees of the New-York and Brooklyn Association and the Manhaitan Conference has been an agreement on their part to recommend a union of the two bodies under the constitution and standing rules of the Manhaitan-Brooklyn Conference of Congregational Churches, therefore,

Resolved, That the New-York and Brooklyn association cordially adopts said recommendation, and designates the audience-room of the Congregational Church in which the Manhaitan conference holds its next regular meeting as the piace, and 8 o'clock, May 14, 1886, as the time when this union under the constitution and rules of the Manhaitan conference shall be formally effected by simple response to a rolleall of all the churches now constituting the Manhaitan conference and the New-York and Brooklyn Association.

Resolved, That the name of the conference shall be the M. ... tan-Brooklyn Conference of Congregational Chur hes.

Resolved, hat when we adjourn, we adjourn subject to the call of the Scribe, and that as soon as he can ascertain from the officers of the Manhaitan Conference the place of the meeting for the perfection of this union he notify the ministers and delegates present at this meeting and all the churches not here represented.

Resolved, That the Scribe call together the ministerial members of this association in October, 1866, for the purpose of considering what measures, if any, shall be taken for the organization of 2 purely ministerial association, and that he be and hereby is authorized to grant any interim letters of dismission to any ministerial member who may apply for them.

LETTER READ BY MR. PORTER.

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Dr. Abbott:

Brooklyn, April 20, 1896.
Rev. Horace Porter, Scribe, New-York and Brooklyn Association.

My dear Mr. Porter: I inclose the report of the special committee to be presented to the meeting of the New-York and Brooklyn Association. Owing to my brother's death I cannot be at the meeting. But I am sure ne words of mine can be necessary to commend this result of negotiations for a union of all the Congregational churches of this vicinity, set on foot as such negotiations were, by our association, at least three years ago. We must all rejoice at every union which makes the spiritual unity of all the disciples of Christ more apparent to ourselves and to the world. Yours sincerely.

After the report the Rev. Dr. William Lloyd

After the report the Rev. Dr. William Lloyd was the first to move its adoption, and in so doing took occasion to refer in eloquent terms to the late pastor of Plymouth Church, Henry Ward Beecher. He related an incident of the bitter controversy which led to disunion, and said Mr. Beecher had remarked to his wife on

said Mr. Beecher had remarked to his wife on one occasion: "When I am gone, the brethren will understand me," After a meeting in the Park Church, at which he had defended the Plymouth pastor with all the power he could command, he had received a letter from Mrs. Beecher thanking him for his course, telling him of her husband's words, and ending by thanking God "that some of the brethren understood Henry before he died."

For ten years he had striven to reconcile the differences between these bodies. He was fervently thankful that his labors were about to be rewarded, his prayers answered, and he hoped that never again would there be divided councils in New-York and Brooklyn Congregational churches. Congregationalism in New-York was weak, in Brooklyn it was strong. With Brooklyn's assistance, New-York in 'twenty-five years would present as strong a Congregational front as Brooklyn.

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Dr. Lloyd was followed by Dr. Ingersoll, Dr. Whiton, B. F. Blair and A. F. Newton, all of whom spoke in favor of Dr. Abbott's report. It was suggested that the minutes of the scribe show that the framer and submitter of the plan of reunion was the pastor of Plymouth Church. To this the Moderator replied that the report was signed by Dr. Abbott, and that

the report was signed by Dr. Abbott, and that no such motion was necessary, whereupon the mover withdrew it. The vote was then taken upon the report, all the delegates voting yea. Then followed brief congratulatory speeches, and a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Lloyd.

William I. Nichols, general secretary of the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, spoke briefly upon "The Cultivation of Vacant City Lots by the Unemployed." This plan, he said, had originated in Detroit in 1894, and had been tried with more or less success in many of the larger towns and cities of the country. He briefly outlined the plan, followed in this city last year, stated that \$1,200 was expended in Its promotion, and that \$600 had been realized from the cultivation of these vacant city lots. Dr. Ingersoil supplemented the speech with an earnest appeal to the members present, many of whom, he said, owned such property, to give the use of it to this society.

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ject of a carefully prepared paper then read by the key. Dr. J. n. Whiton. He said substantially that the Lord's Supper should be a memorial. It could be observed in order "that we might be remained of His life." Further than this it had no signification according to his helief. He then quoted from General Booth, who is reported to have said that the great and only mistake that Christ made was in instituting the Lord's Supper.

Supper.
The Rev. Dr. C C. Creegan, secretary of the

Board of Foreign Missions, then gave an extemporaneous address upon missionary horrors in Turkey. He said: "Our missionaries in Turkey occupy an anomalous position. They are not wanted by the Turks, neither are they desired by Minister Terrell. Who was Terrell? He was a Confederate soldier, who rejoiced in the assassination of President Lincoln, and wrote a poem in honor of Booth, the assassin. He is a man pragase and vulcar trying to do his duty as

assassination of President Lincoln, and wrote a poem in honor of Booth, the assassin. He is a man profane and vuigar, trying to do his duty as best his narrow mind sees it. Our missionaries there are a source of trouble to him. Rather than afford them protection, he offers his services to remove them from the country."

With reference to that question, the responsibility of the movement, the speaker had nothing to say. That matter had been submitted to the missionaries themselves. They preferred to face death rather than leave the work they had gone to perform unfinished. He next spoke of President Gates, of the Congregational College at Harpoot. With him, but scattered over all this country, were 137 men and women of like determination. There had never been an hour in the history of the world when there existed a greater band of heroes than this noble 137.

"Oh, that the cynical Unitarian who presides over the Secretary of State's office at Washington might be superseded for one short month by Danlel Webster!" excialmed Dr. Creegan. Continuing, he said he was no Democrat, but he longed for one brief term of old Hickory Jackson. In those days to be an American citizen meant something. Then the Government stood by her citizens. He prayed for the speedy return of the day when to be an American citizen should mean as much as it meant to be a Roman citizen in the proudest days of the Empire.

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The Rev. Dr. Hamlin, who was expected to open the discussion upon "Music as an Ald to Devotion," was absent attending the funeral of his brother-in-law. Dr. Austin Abbott, so the discussion upon "Music as an Ald to Devotion," was absent attending the funeral of his brother-in-law. Dr. Austin Abbott, so the discussion of t brother-in-law, Dr. Austin Abbott, so the dis-cussion was opened by the Rev. Dr. Lloyd. The final meeting to complete the union of these bodies will be held in the Tompkins Avenue Church on May 14, at 5 p. m.

REPUBLICANS UP IN ARMS

STRONG RESOLUTIONS AGAINST CON SOLIDATION.

VOTERS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD WARD CHEER THE NAME OF M'KINLEY AND DE-NOUNCE THE MACHINE.

The meeting of the Republican Committee of the the most lively and significant gatherings of Re publicans held in Brooklyn for several months. The thought that the Greater New-York bill would be taken up for the last time in the Legislature to-day and that by the threatened passage of the bill the autonomy of Brooklyn would be in danger arouse the members to the highest pitch of excitement and ndignation. Ringing speeches against the consol ening to crowd it down Brooklyn's throat were mad and wildly cheered. Ex-Alderman Thomas J. C. Cobble and others made vigorous speeches, enforced to give arguments in favor of consolidation, but thi was met by the statement that no consolidation seme would ever be safe which had not been presented to the people for consideration.

The bitterest hostility to "boss rule" was the underlying sentiment which came out in every sen Mr. Cabble, when he declared that he "had no cheered. In answer to the statement that consolida-tion was needed to bring prosperity to Brooklyn's business institutions, ex-Alderman Thomas said that institutions of Brooklyn and the entire land would prosper as they never had before. The reference to protection was the signal for a storm of cheers for McKinley. As soon as Mr. Thomas said the work "protection" some one proposed three cheers for McKinley, and they were given with a will.

The following resolutions were carried practically

by a manimous vote:

Whereas, The Mayors of Brooklyn and New-York have disapproved a bill known as the Lexow Consolidation measure, and as Mayor Wurster has acted entirely in accord with the wishes of a large majority of Brooklyn's citizens, as we believe, and in accordance with file letter of acceptance; and.

Whereas, There appears still a determination among the advocates of that bill to force it 'brough the Assembly in spite of the disapproval of the two Republican Mayors; and.

Whereas, We believe that the consolidation of the Democratic cities of New-York and Long Island City, with Brooklyn, will inevitably result in creating a city having a Democratic majority of not less than 40,000 at all times, and that this will result in the loss of the State to our party, therefore.

Resolved, That we neartily indorse the action of our Mayor. Frederick W. Wurster, in upholding the interests of the city of Brooklyn, in an advant pariotic manner, by his disapproval of the Lexow Consolidation bill.

Resolved, That we fully appreciate the loyalty of the Brooklyn press, as represented by 'The Standard-Union,' "Fimen," "Eagle" and "Free Presse"; and he it further

Resolved, That we recognize the gallant efforts of our immediate representatives in the Lexislature, Senator A. A. Wray, Assemblymen Marshail, Breanan and Waldo, in behalf of Brooklyn's interests, and that we trust that they will continue to oppose and frustrate all schemes threatening the autonomy of the city of Brooklyn; and, finally, be it

and that we trust that they will continue to oppose and frustrate all schemes threatening the autonomy of the city of Brookyn; and, finally, be it Resolved. That these resolutions be entered in the minutes of this committee, and that the president and secretary sign them on behalf of the Twenty-third Ward Republican Committee, and that a popy of the same be forwarded to His Excellency Governor Levi P. Morton, His Honor Mayor Wurster, and also to the chairmen of the Kings County Republican Executive Committee and General Committee.

E. T. THOMAS,
GEORGE S. RICHARDS,
Committee.

The resolutions will be forwarded this morning b telegraph to Governor Morton. Similar resolution which censured Speaker Fish and Senator Lexow person were passed last night by the Twenty-fire Ward Republican Committee.

THE CONFERENCE DISCUSSED.

LEADERS OF THE TWO REPUBLICAN FAC TIONS TIRED OF FIGHTING.

The harmony conference held by representative of the two factions of the Brooklyn Republican on Monday afternoon was widely discussed yesterday. As a rule the conferrees refuse to talk about the meeting, but the facts gradually came out, and the purpose of the meeting is well known. The leaders of the two divisions of the Republican ranks say they have grown tired of fighting each other, and they believe it is about time for them to get together and unite their forces in preparation for the coming contest with their common enemies, the Democrats. An indication of this

tion for the coming contest with their common enemies, the Democrats. An indication of this willingness to set aside the old differences was noticed at the last meeting of the general committee, when, although the strife between the two factions over the seating of delegates was keen, most of the discussion was good natured, and the speakers, with one or two exceptions, showed signs of little bitterness.

It had been said that the conference on Monday afternoon was called to discuss the appointments to be made by Colonel Harry W. Michell, Kinas County's Deputy Excise Commissioner. This, however, was denied by those present at the meeting. There are now pending in Albany several pieces of legislation of considerable importance to Brooklyn. The Assemblymen and Senators have shown clearly that the strife between the two factions in Brooklyn leaves them in considerable doubt as to what is really wanted, and it has thus seemed best to the leaders on both sides that some definite agreement should be reached, the communication of which to Albany will give the Legislature something definite to work upon. The bills which have caused the most trouble in this respect, were those providing for the reorganization of the Charities Department and for the Bridge reorganization.

The idea gained credence when the report that the conference was to be held was first made, that some action would be taken toward calling for the defeat of the Greater New-York bill. It was said that a united protest from both wings of the party would doubtless have great effect in influencing the party at Albany to defeat the bill. Those present at the conference denied yesterday that consolidation entered into the talk, but it was said that a wigorous protest would have been unanimously signed in case one had been presented.

## GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

An entertainment was given last evening at sociock for the benefit of the Wyckoff Heights Chapel, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Classon Avenue Presbyterlan Church, in the chapel in Monroe-st. The programme included selections by Albert Gerard-Thiers, tenor; Mrs. Gertrude Andrews, reader; Mrs. Emily St. Anna Webber, contralto; Miss Georgiana Walsh, violinist; Miss Elsie Ray Eddy, soprano; F. Eduard W. Hopke, basso, and R. W. Middleton, ac-

A concert will be given by the Rutgers College Glee Club this evening at 8 o'clock at the Hanson Place Baptist Church, Hanson Place, near Ful-ton-st,

Dr. George Williams, who is attending Property Clerk George Seely, of the Brooklyn Police Department, says that he cannot possibly recover. Seely has been confined to his home for the last two weeks, and his illness is supposed to be due to

The big Hammil Hotel at Hammil's Station, close to Rockaway, was sold yesterday to Winkopp & Westover, of Brooklyn, for \$50,000. Mr. Winkopp has been proprietor of Arion Hall, in the Eastern District, for several years. European Advertisements.

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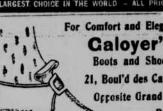


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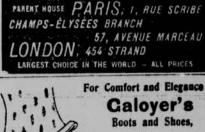
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